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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 26, 2002 in the above-referenced application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-8, drawn to nucleic acids, vectors and cells. The traversal is to the extent that no undue burden would be required to search all groups.

If a telephone conversation with Applicant's Attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at (617) 832-1000.

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